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JESUS AND THE AUTHORITY OF SCRIPTURE

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"The scripture cannot be broken."—John 10:35.

Jesus, whom we call Christ, was a devoted believer in and follower of the sacred Scriptures. He taught such an attitude to His disciples. This fact is abundantly recorded in all four of the gospels. These gospels, we must remember, are the only direct and original sources we have of the knowledge of what Jesus did and taught. Should we reject as reliable these records, we should have no other reasonable knowledge of anything He did or said. We would have no "Christ" except that created of our own imaginations, and we would have no justification for associating the name of "Christ" with such an imaginary creation. There is no other justified use of the term "Jesus Christ" than to use it of the One revealed in the gospels. If these records are not true, we have no way of knowing anything that Jesus did or taught.

Jesus's confirmation of the reliability and authority of the Scriptures is remarkable, both in the particular details that are verified, and in the comprehensive sweep of this approval. Let us first notice the incidents cited by

Jesus as historically true.

Jesus Said Bible Incidents Really Happened

Jesus cites the Genesis record of creation as the reason for His disapproval of divorce. "He answered, 'Have you not read that he who made them from the beginning made them male and female, and said, "For this reason shall a man leave his father and mother and be joined to his wife, and the two shall become one"? So they are no longer two, but one. Wherefore, what God hath joined together, let not man put asunder'" (Matt. 19:4-6; Mark 10:6). Jesus bases His teaching on the Genesis record. The argument has no basis unless the Genesis record is true. If the story is mythical, or if it is a figurative covering for countless years of evolutionary development, the argument Jesus makes is baseless, and the reason He presents is false. To honor the words of Jesus is to discount the evolutionary hypothesis.

In Luke 11:51 Jesus refers to Abel as a historical character whose blood should be required, along with that of Zacharias, of "this generation."

The record of Noah and the flood is cited by Jesus as true historical fact, and is an illustration of the days that shall be before His coming again, (Matt. 24:37-39, Luke 17: 26, 27). "As it was in the days of Noah, so shall it be in the days of the Son of Man."

Abraham is mentioned as a person to whom had been revealed the later coming of Jesus. "Your father Abraham rejoiced that he was to see my day; he saw it and was glad" (John 8:56).

Jesus tells us that fire really fell from Heaven and destroyed Sodom and Gomorrah on the day that Lot fled the city (Luke 17: 28-30, 32).

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They Want Revival But—

By EVANGELIST JOHN R. RICE

Thousands and thousands of people in America want revival, they say. They see the increase in wordliness and sin, arrogant unbelief on every side, see homes being broken, young people going into wordliness and lewdness. They know America needs revival.

BUT... THEY READ ABOUT EVERYTHING IN THE WORLD BUT REVIVALS. Their minds are filled up with gossip about the latest Hollywood divorce, or how a night club dancer shot her paramour on a boat, or about a hotel fire, or the labor bill in congress, or the atomic bomb, or riots in Palestine. They read about everything in the world but revival! How can minds absorbed in everything worldly pray acceptably for revival blessings?

How can Christians expect to be revived themselves, or to pray successfully for the revival of others, or for the salvation of sinners, when they never read a revival sermon, never are thrilled with the marvelous story of a city-wide revival, never read details of happy conversions, never have any Bible teaching on

prayer, the Holy Spirit, soul-winning or a separated and holy life?

God's plan is this: "That they might be saved by the foolishness of preaching." Bible preaching gets sinners saved. Bible preaching gets Christians revived, gets them to win souls, gets them to pray. People are so molded by the literature they read that it seems impossible to have a great revival nation-wide without great revival preaching in print, great revival literature.

Revivals Follow the Spread of The Sword of the Lord

Last Saturday night at Charleston, S. C., a man and woman eagerly told me how they had been deeply burdened to pray for two small churches that were not prospering. They could not keep pastors, could not raise their expenses, could not maintain attendance. So this earnest Christian couple sent THE SWORD OF THE LORD to the key families in these two churches and they told me, with misty eyes, how that both churches had pastors were pros-

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GOD — and Sinning America

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(Mechanically recorded for THE SWORD OF THE LORD)

"For the wrath of God is revealed from heaven against all ungodliness and unrighteousness of men."—Rom. 1:18.

To give a background for the remarks I want to make about juvenile delinquency—its cause and cure, I read from the fourth chapter of Amos. Amos was a prophet whom God called to go out and speak His Word, but the leaders of Israel tried to keep him from preaching in Bethel, where the king's court was. They said, "O thou seer, go flee thee away into the land of Judah, and there eat bread, and prophesy there" (Amos 7:12). But this man Amos said, "I am going to preach what He gives me, where He tells me, and THUS SAITH THE LORD."

Happy is any preacher of God who does that very thing. Amos was a man of God and you could not stop him. You know, a real preacher is not afraid of a king nor anybody else. The greatest voices on the face of the earth are the men whom God has called and who preach God's message. They are great, not in themselves, but because of the message they bear. Beloved, you had better listen to a man of God! If anyone comes to you preaching this Book, you had better take heed. You do not have to listen if they are not preaching this Book, but if they are, you had better listen. It is the Word of God!

Famine

In Amos chapter 4, I hope you will see the nature of God. Verse 6 reads: "And I also have given you cleanness of teeth in all your cities, and want of bread in all your places: yet have ye not returned unto me, saith the Lord."

I call your attention to the fact that famine is of the Lord. God says that He is the One who sends famine. We have all read of the recent famine, the greatest the world has ever known. A writer, visiting India, said that when he went there to survey the terrible, tragic things that were taking place, his heart was broken upon arrival to see people in a cafe eating while others were dying on the streets outside. Dying, on the streets, of starvation! Trucks would come, pick them up and carry them to the graveyard. He said he was horror-stricken at first, but then two weeks later he himself was sitting in that same cafe eating, unconcerned, while people were dying out in the street. That was how common it was to see people die. They died by the millions. You have seen pictures of little babies with bloated and distorted bodies, all

because of hunger. Only God Almighty kept us from feeling that famine in America. But Europe and Asia have just passed through it, and God is the One who sent it.

You say, "Brother Hendley, God would not be so brutal as that." Listen to me, dear friend: God punishes nations as well as individuals when they get away from Him. And famine is one of God's four sore judgments (Ezek. 14:21). During the coming tribulation period, our own America must feel it, too. We read that God is going to shut up the heavens so that it will not rain upon the earth for three years and six months (Rev. 13:36), and every nation on the face of the earth will starve. The whole world, forgetting God, will be hungry; and America will be included. God is the One who will send the famine.

Thirst

Now let us read on: "And also I have withholden the rain from you, when there were yet three months to the harvest: and I caused it to rain upon one city, and caused it not to rain upon another city: one piece was rained upon, and the piece whereupon it rained not withered. So two or three cities wandered unto one city, to drink water; but they were not satisfied: yet have ye not re-

turned unto me, saith the Lord" (Amos 4:7, 8).

"Now don't you tell us, preacher, that God causes it to rain upon Chattanooga but withholds the rain from Atlanta! We just don't believe that God is that much interested in everyday affairs. We believe He has just wound up everything and has thrown it out to work like a clock."

If you think that, I want to tell you that this old Book means what it says! God is interested in the rain that He sends on Chattanooga, or the rain that He withholds from Atlanta. And when God shuts up the heavens and withholds the rain, famine is the result. God is the One who kills the harvest, or gives us bread to eat. We ought to thank the living God for the very breath that we have.

Pestilence

Now Amos 4:9, 10 says: "I have smitten you with blasting and mildew: when your gardens and

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"America's Trojan Horse"

By REV. C. A. COOPER

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Who is not familiar with the destruction of the famed city of Troy! After besieging it unsuccessfully for ten years a frustrated army concealed a few of its Greek heroes in a large wooden horse which they strategically placed outside the walls and then withdrew. The Trojans thinking the retiring army defeated, dragged the horse within the city. During the night the Greeks came forth and opened the gates to the main army. The city was given over to fire, plunder and massacre.

How like the Trojan horse is America's liquor traffic. It opens the way for every evil which threatens to destroy from within, what the combined powers of Axis might could not do from without. Let's let the facts speak for themselves.

For selfish interests unscrupulous politicians and lobbyists in Washington are sabotaging America's economy, health and morality by their unpatriotic and un-Christian conspiracy with the vested interests of our number one national liability.

Economically the repeal of the Eighteenth Amendment encouraged financial ruin. Gullible America was told that revenue from taxes on liquor would help balance the budget. What do the records show in a day when the national debt has reached nearly 300 billions? Take one state for example. The liquor liability in Massachusetts in one year was five times as great as the alcohol beverage tax received by the

Commonwealth. The cost to the state was \$61,000,000 with tax revenue totalling but \$13,139, (Continued on Page 7)



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ber Lot's wife (vs. 32), and the only mention made of her is that of her being turned into a pillar of salt.

Thus Jesus confirms incidents of Scripture that are often scoffed at by skeptics.

Jesus Repeatedly Recognized Moses as the Author of Genesis, Inspired of God

Jesus certainly believed that Moses was the author of the Pentateuch. In Mark 12:26 He says, "Have you not read in the book of Moses, in the passage about the bush, how God said to him, 'I am the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob'?" And the quotation is from Exodus 3:6. Incidentally, the argument here seems to rest on the tense of the verb. Did Jesus believe in verbal inspiration? Some modern know-it-alls could be a bit too skeptical.

In John 7:19 Jesus said, "Did not Moses give you the law?" In verse 22 He said, "Moses gave you circumcision (not that it is from Moses, but from the fathers)." This agrees with the Exodus record which reports that Moses put into the law what was already custom. In John 7:23 Jesus refers again to the law of Moses, and in Mark 7:9, 10 says, "You have a fine way of rejecting the commandment of God, in order to keep your own tradition! For Moses said, 'Honor your father and mother'; and, 'He who speaks evil of father or mother, let him surely die.'" Jesus here calls the command of Moses the command of God.

It is interesting to note that Jesus considers the imposition of the death penalty on those who dishonor father or mother, not a cruel, inhuman decree of a heathen society, but as a command of God. This is Jesus' teaching, and it emphasizes the fact that neither in the Old Testament nor in the New Testament do such severe civil commands as capital punishment contradict the other personal commands such as, "Love thy neighbor as thyself."

Jesus Believed the Old Testament Account of Miracles

Jesus gave full credence to the record of such incidents as the sending of manna from Heaven. "Your fathers ate manna in the wilderness, and they died" (John 6:49). The fact that deadly serpents came among the Israelites in the wilderness as a penalty for their sins, and that a brazen serpent mounted on a pole was a means of healing from their poison, was used of Jesus as a picture of His own being lifted up for the healing of the world's sin (John 3:14, 15).

In Luke 4:25-27 Jesus confirms the record of Elijah's sojourn during the years of famine in the widow's home, and also the miracle by which Naaman was cleansed of leprosy during the ministry of Elisha. Anyone who respects Jesus should read this part of His

teaching before he mocks at the record of miracles performed during Elisha's ministry, lest he mock not only the unknown author of II Kings, but also Jesus Christ.

In Matthew 12:42 Jesus confirms that the Queen of Sheba really did come from a distant land to hear the wisdom of Solomon.

In Matthew 12:39-41 Jesus says "For as Jonah was three days and three nights in the belly of the whale, so will the Son of man be three days and three nights in the heart of the earth." The Jonah record, stock ridicule of the scoffers, was enough believed and respected by Jesus that He made it the sign and seal of His own triumphant death and resurrection. To deny or ridicule this record is surely to contradict the spirit and teaching of Jesus on this matter.

The later Old Testament books were surely believed by Jesus for He refers to the death of Zachariah in the temple as recorded in II Chronicles 24: 20, 21 (Luke 11: 51). Even the book of Daniel, Jesus looks upon as the Word of God in the sense that its prophecies will be fulfilled (Matt. 24:15). "So when you see the desolating sacrilege spoken of by the prophet Daniel, standing in the holy place (let the reader understand)."

For one to reason that in such references as these just mentioned Jesus is only accommodating His speech to the understanding of the people, is to reason in direct contradiction to the record. Jesus did not apply Himself to confirming false notions and superstitions, but to correcting them. Repeatedly Jesus claimed that His teachings were truth, that He Himself was truth. It would be a contradiction of this to say that He parroted the preconceived superstitions of the people. It was not unusual to hear Him say things as, "Ye do err, not knowing the scriptures, nor the power of God" (Mark 12:24). We find no basis in the record for inferring that Jesus referred to these incidents as true only because the people believed them to be true.

Jesus Took the Scripture as Final Authority as God's Revelation

In many situations Jesus resorted to the Scriptures as a final authority as to righteousness and the will of God. At the outset of His public ministry, Satan is pictured as coming to Him to tempt away from His Father's will. He answered each temptation with, "It is written," a word from the Scripture. His answers are found in Deuteronomy 6:13, 16, and Deuteronomy 8:3. Deuteronomy has been most severely discounted by unbelieving critics, but Jesus quoted it as the Word of God, and found it adequate to repel the strongest temptations of evil.

When questioned on the subject of divorce, Jesus found the appropriate answer in the Scripture (Matt. 19:4-6).

When the Sadducees sprang on Him their prize puzzler about the resurrection, He not only found adequate answer in the Scriptures, but He pointed out to them the cause of their lack of knowledge on the subject. "You are wrong because you know neither the scriptures, nor the power of God."

Jesus' words, "Have you not read what was said to you by God?" (vs. 31), refer to the words recorded in Exodus 3:6, which He quotes, and indicates that these words were said not only to Moses, but to all the people who read the Scripture, and said to them by God. He would urge upon us that the words we read in the sacred Scriptures are God speaking to us.

When Jesus gave the famous "Golden Rule," He did not present it as a new principle, but said, "For this is the law and the prophets" (Matt. 7:12). He condensed the ancient messages into one sentence of compelling power and attractiveness, but the message was the same the prophets had brought again and again. He

would surely agree with Hebrews 1:1, that "God . . . spake in time past unto the fathers by the prophets." The prophet's message was God speaking.

Jesus Believed Bible Prophecies Were Supernatural and Must Be Fulfilled

A prominent factor in Jesus' emphasis on the Scriptures was His confident assurance that the messages and promises that God had spoken in other years by the prophets were being fulfilled in Him, and that all the prophecies of the Scriptures must be fulfilled. The message of Malachi, the last of the Old Testament prophets, is considered by Jesus to present, four hundred years before it occurred, God's announcement of the ministry of John the Baptist. This is a positive word (Matt. 11:10-15; Luke 7:27). "This is he of whom it is written, 'Behold, I send my messenger before thy face, who shall prepare thy way before thee.'" The quotation is from Malachi 3:1. Jesus further adds that John is the "Elijah" whom Malachi declared should come before the "great and dreadful day of the Lord" (Mal. 4:5). Jesus presents it as a definite prophecy, particularly fulfilled (See Matt. 17:9-12).

In like manner, Jesus found in the prophets clear pictures of His own life and work, supernaturally foretold, which laid out before Him definitely the work His Father had promised He would do, and to Jesus the fulfillment of these prophecies were a MUST. "For I tell you that this scripture MUST be fulfilled in me, 'And he was reckoned with the transgressors'; for what is written about me has its fulfillment" (Luke 22:37 and 24:44, also Matt. 26:54-56). In Jesus' sermon in His home town of Nazareth, in the first part of His ministry, He presented Himself as the Saviour whom Isaiah had foretold. He read Isaiah 62:1, 2 and declared, without question as to Isaiah's authority or His own fulfillment of the ancient prophecy, "Today hath this scripture been fulfilled in your ears" (Luke 4: 21).

Jesus ministry was not weakened and made anemic by wavering and uncertainty and questioning as to what was true, as to whether God had spoken a positive and definite message to His people! He knew what was true, and He spoke as one having authority. He found the imprint of His own person in the history of the patriarchs. "Your father Abraham rejoiced that he was to see my day; he saw it and was glad" (John 8:56). Moses had told about Him. "If you believed Moses, you would believe me, for he wrote of me. But if you do not believe his writings, how shall ye believe my words?" (John 5:46, 47). This word questions whether one may believe Jesus unless he believes the writings of Moses. This is even more true today since Jesus has completely confirmed the writings of Moses. To this agrees Jesus' words in Luke 16:31, "If they hear not Moses and the prophet neither will they be persuaded, though one rose from the dead." Usually those who reject Moses, also reject the resurrection. Jesus taught that David's writing was "inspired by the Holy Spirit," and that David prophesied of Him. "David himself, inspired by the Holy Spirit declared, 'The Lord said unto my Lord, 'Sit at my right hand, till I put thy enemies under thy feet'" (Mark 12:36 and Matt. 22:41, 46). Jesus cited to His disciples many passages in the Psalms and Prophets which foretold His suffering, death, and resurrection (Luke 24:44), and each of the evangelists cite some of these Scriptures which were fulfilled, evidently those which Jesus had pointed out (Matt. 1:22; 2: 15, 17; 23; 8:17; 12:17; 13:25; 21:4; 27:9; 35; Mk. 15:28; John 12:38; John 19:24; John 19:36).

Jesus Declared Repeatedly That His Atoning Death Was Foretold in Scripture

The death of Jesus has central place in the story of His earthly experience both in the gospel narratives and in its theological significance. Jesus placed the largest emphasis on it in His teachings, and gave it a strange relationship to the fulfillment of the

Scriptures. "And taking the twelve aside, he said to them, 'Behold, we are going up to Jerusalem, and everything that is written of the son of man by the prophets will be accomplished. For He will be delivered to the Gentiles, and will be mocked and shamefully entreated, and spit upon; they will scourge him and kill him, and on the third day he will rise.' But they understood none of these things" (Luke 18: 31-34). At the eating of the Passover Supper in Jerusalem the evening before His arrest, "He answered, 'He who dippeth his hand with me in the dish will betray me. The Son of Man goeth as it is written of him'" (Matt. 26:23, 24, Mark 14:20, 21). And again the same evening, "Jesus said to them, 'You will all fall away because of this night; for it is written, 'I will strike the shepherd, and the sheep will be scattered'" (Matt. 26: 31, Mark 14:27). Jesus seemed to derive deep satisfaction and assurance in His trying experiences from the remembrance that the Scriptures had prophesied these things, and that He was truly fulfilling the things His Father had promised centuries before that he would suffer. In the discourse on the way from the upper room to the garden, He derives comfort in the midst of apparent failure from the written word in the Psalms (John 15:24, 25). "Now they have seen and hated both me and my Father. It is to fulfill the word that is written in their law, 'They hated me without a cause'" (Psa. 69:4).

He seems to feel that since the Scriptures said it that way, it was not possible for it to be otherwise. He was prepared for the shocking betrayal at the hand of Judas by His knowledge and belief of the Scriptures. After the washing of the disciples feet, we hear Him say, "I am not speaking of you all; I know whom I have chosen; it is that the scripture may be fulfilled, 'He who ate my bread has lifted his heel against me'" (cf. Psa. 41:9). His earlier warning that He had chosen twelve, but that one of them was a devil (John 6:60), may have been based on the revelation from Scripture instead of from judgment of human nature. His prayer in the Garden of Gethsemane expresses His feeling that the loss of Judas was unavoidable since it had been foretold in Scripture. He says, "I have guarded them, and none of them is lost but the son of perdition, that the scripture might be fulfilled" (John 17:12). His confidence in the Scriptures as God's

word in these hours is repeatedly confirmed in the gospels. His answer to the arresting mob in the Garden of Gethsemane is significant: "Day after day I was with you in the temple teaching, and you did not seize me. But let the scriptures be fulfilled" (Mark 14: 49). His whole life was dedicated to doing the will of God, and He found this will clearly revealed in the Scriptures.

The record of Jesus' death is strangely alive with references from the Old Testament. Jesus' agonized cry, "My God, why hast thou forsaken me?" is a quotation from Psalm 22:1. It is not only expressed His anguish in that hour, but it seems also to be a plea to the Jews standing by to read again their familiar twenty-second Psalm and see how its prophecies were being fulfilled before their eyes. The evangelists point out some particular items of fulfillment: the parting of His garments and casting of lots (John 19:24, Psa. 22:18), the challenge of the scribes' unbelief (Matt. 27:42, Ps. 22:8), and others that one cannot fail to see in the reading of the twenty-second Psalm and the sixty-ninth Psalm (See also John 19:36, 37).

In rebuilding the shocked faith of His disciples after His resurrection, Jesus relied strongly on the Scriptures. In talking to the two on the way to Emmaus (Luke 24:13-27), He placed the strongest emphasis on believing the Scriptures. "He said unto them, 'O foolish men, and slow of heart to believe all that the prophets have spoken. Was it not necessary that the Christ should suffer these things and enter into his glory? And beginning with Moses and all the prophets, He interpreted to them in all the scriptures the things concerning himself'."

Go back and read Jesus' words again! What stronger words could be spoken in confirmation of the reliability of the Scriptures? All the Scriptures! Jesus classes as "foolish" and "slow of heart" those who do not believe "all that the prophets have spoken." Hear Him again as He talks to the disciples in the upper room (Luke 24:44-46): "These are my words which I spoke to you while I was yet with you that everything written about me in the law of Moses and the prophets and the Psalms must be fulfilled." Then opened He their minds to understand the scriptures, and said to them, "Thus it is written that the Christ should suffer and on the

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third day rise from the dead, and that repentance and forgiveness of sins should be preached in his name among all nations, beginning at Jerusalem."

Jesus Says the Word of God Is Infallible and Eternal

The teaching throughout the ministry of Jesus has always the same respect for all the Scriptures as is manifest in the words concerning His death and resurrection. He quotes at different times from at least nineteen books of the Old Testament, making as many as thirty-nine quotations from it. Repeatedly He gives comprehensive approval of the Scriptures in highest terms. In John 17:17 He says, "Consecrate them in the truth, thy word is truth." In John 5:39 He says, "Search the scriptures; for in them ye think ye have eternal life: they testify of me." In John 10:35 He says parenthetically, "And the scripture cannot be broken." But the word is no less emphatic because it is parenthetically spoken. In Matthew 22:29 He urges the knowledge and belief of the Scriptures as a basis of knowing the truth, when He says to the Sadducees, "You are wrong, because you know neither the scriptures nor the power of God." In Matthew 5:17, 18 Jesus gives testimony to the enduring faithfulness of the Scriptures when He says, "Think not that I am come to abolish the law and the prophets; for I have not come to abolish them but to fulfill them. For verily I say unto you, till heaven and earth pass, not one iota, not one dot, will pass from the law until all is accomplished." Again in Luke 16:17 He assures us, "It is easier for heaven and earth to pass away, than for one dot of the law to become void."

It would be difficult to find stronger language in which to express the authority of the Scriptures, than that used in these passages by Jesus.

Some have thought that Jesus in the discourse in Matthew 5:21-48 is attempting to correct and improve on the law of Moses. He Himself disclaims this purpose (vs. 17). He clears away false implications which had been added to the law. The law had never said, "Hate your enemy," as some had wished and wishfully interpreted. "An eye for an eye and a tooth for a tooth" had never been given as a basis for personal retaliation. It was the rule for civil law, the rule of justice. It is the only just basis for civil law. Moses had taught, "Thou shalt love thy neighbor as thyself" as the basis for personal relations. The civil law is necessary restraint for those who will not follow the spiritual precept. The civil law had permitted divorce, but Jesus found in the law of Moses the record of creation which set the perfect standard for marriage. Jesus pointed out to His disciples that the Mosaic law was not given as a standard for personal righteousness. Moses was dealing in practical terms with a multitude of hard-hearted, rebellious people, out of a background of slavery and idolatry. Unregenerate people can no more be restrained or guided

by spiritual principles today than in Moses's day. All modern history gives abundant evidence of this fact.

Jesus places in emphatic contrast the "traditions of men" and the "commandments of God" (Mark 7:1-13; Matt. 15:1-10). "In vain do they worship me, teaching as their doctrines the commandments of men. Ye leave the commandment of God to hold fast the traditions of men." Jesus quotes this word from Isaiah as His text for saying, "Full well do ye reject the commandment of God, that ye may keep your tradition. For Moses said, 'Honor thy father and mother' and, 'He that speaketh evil of his father and mother, let him die the death'; but ye say 'if a man shall say to his father or mother, 'That wherewith thou mightest have been profited by me is Corban' (that is to say, Given to God) ye no longer suffer him to do aught for his father or mother; making void the word of God by your tradition, which ye have delivered; and many such like things ye do.'" Here Jesus denounces the popular ecclesiastical theory that tradition and "the experience of the church" may be accepted as authority in matters of religion. "Moses said."

Jesus recognized as the "commandments of God." Traditions He spoke of as being only of men and not binding. A great and divisive issue in religious circles today would be dissolved if professed followers of Jesus would believe His teachings on this question. The authority of the Scriptures remains a central issue of Christianity.

Those Who Scorn the Scripture Deny the Saviour

Jesus' estimate of the authority of the Scriptures should be of tremendous weight to any student of Christian thought. Those who regard Him as the "Lord Christ" will regard His testimony as conclusive. Those who think of Him as only a teacher will recognize in Him a teacher of rare insight and understanding, and one who, since He lived two thousand years nearer to the sources of Bible literature than we do, has many advantages in judging their reliability. His testimony, thus, should have great weight. There are some points in Scripture that to us may seem contradictory. We need to remember that we do not know all of the facts on these points, and not knowing them, might graciously admit that Jesus could know more about it than we do. It would be reasonable to have that confidence in His judgment.

It has been suggested that complete faith in the Scriptures is almost idolatry, for it tends to worship a "book." This suggestion is misleading. The issue is: Is the Scripture actually God's Word? Jesus says that it is. To respect a person's word is to respect that person, not the paper the writing

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your vineyards and your fig trees and your olive trees increased, the palmerworm devoured them: yet have ye not returned unto me, saith the Lord. I have sent among you the pestilence after the manner of Egypt: your young men have I slain with the sword."

"Your young men, I have slain with the sword!" Do you know who killed our boys and why they are sleeping yonder on the Pacific Islands and in Germany? Do you know why many of us have lost our own loved ones? God killed our boys! Don't blame Hitler, brother! Blame the sins of America! Blame your own sins! It is because of sin that God sends war! War is a punishment. It is hard to convince people about that, but God says so in His Word. War is one of His four sore judgments. We say Hitler is to blame. Not altogether. God raised up Hitler to punish the world! Great must be the world's sin for God to release such a horrible scourge. We read in the book of Daniel that God sets over the kingdoms of earth "the basest of men" and "giveth it to whomsoever He will" (Dan. 4:17). God raised up Hitler as a scourge because of the sins of the world, to try to get us to repent, and our boys have died and shed their precious blood overseas. God had to destroy them to wake us up and keep us from a greater bloodbath. God never sends us a pain except to save us from a greater one!

Just as sure as we are here, we must repent of our sins. Now that is in the Bible. That isn't Jesse Hendley talking; that is the Word of God. God says, "Your young men have I slain with the sword," just as though He Himself took the bombs and the bayonets and killed them with His own hands. He had to do it! And He did it in love, trying to get you to repent.

While our boys were dying in battle, I saw iniquity in a great tidal wave up and down the streets of the cities of America, and I did not see any signs of repentance. Yet our boys were having to die because of the sins of Americans! With all my soul I am giving you this warning. I am not a prophet, nor the son of a prophet, but I know what this Book teaches, and I know the nature of God. As sure as we sit here tonight, America is splurging in the greatest spending spree we have ever had—more money in our pockets than ever before, more food than we have ever had, and more sin and defiance of God and His holy Book! If we do not have a revival, it will not be very long until we will be face to face with another great bloodbath. God says, "Your young men have I slain with the sword." And if we do not repent, He is going to permit more of them to be killed. If we do not repent, God will turn loose upon us the hounds of Hell and try again to make us repent.

A lot of people have repented only because they had blood to come their way. Many a man would never have bent his knee for any other reason. Listen, there will be more souls in Heaven be-

cause of that war than if it had never been fought. God looks at it from the eternal viewpoint.

I read on God says, "I have taken away your horses; and I have made the stink of your camps to come up unto your nostrils: yet have ye not returned unto me, saith the Lord" (Amos 4:10). Do you see the object? It is to get you to return to God. There is more iniquity in Atlanta today than there was during the war days, and there was plenty then. More sin! There is no evidence of real turning to God.

The Case Is Hopeless

Then God Says, "I have overthrown some of you, as God overthrew Sodom and Gomorrah, and ye were as a firebrand plucked out of the burning: yet have ye not returned unto me, saith the Lord. Therefore [the case is hopeless] thus will I do unto thee, O Israel: and because I will do this unto thee, prepare to meet thy God" (Amos 4:11, 12). They refused to return under punishment, and now the case is hopeless. There is nothing left for God to do but to utterly destroy, as He did Sodom and Gomorrah.

The Text

Now my text is Romans 1:18: "The wrath of God is revealed from heaven against all ungodliness and unrighteousness of men." And my subject is fourfold. First, God. I want to talk to you about God. People do not know God. The God of the imagination is not the God of the Bible. I want to know the God whom I am going to meet when my heart stops beating. There is only one place I can go to know Him and that is in the Bible. Then I want to talk to you about Juvenile Delinquency. And then, Its Cause, the cause of this tidal wave of iniquity such as we have never before had. And finally, Its Cure, or, what is the answer to it all.

I. God

Some people think of God as a good, old white-haired Man who will wink at sin. But that is not so, my friends. That is a false idea of God. To be sure, God is love. And when a sinner will repent and turn to God, He is ready to forgive and save.

The story of the prodigal son is the sweetest story ever told. I know that story because I once was the prodigal son. When I was a boy, I decided to run away from home. My family wasn't treating me right, I thought. You know, sometimes all of us feel like that. So with some other boys I ran away from home. I was out all night long. We were supposed to go to another city to stay, but I got sick and tired of it before we could get out of Atlanta. At three o'clock in the morning I became lost, and wandered around trying to find my way back home. I wanted my bed. I was worn, hungry, tired of it all. I had gotten my fill of that sort of thing. So just as fast as I could go, I headed back home. In those early morning hours I came in sight of our big old house sitting on the top of the hill. The lights were as bright as they could be, and I felt that I was in for the biggest

whipping I had ever had. My heart weighed just about a thousand pounds! Believe me, I knew I was a sinner when I walked back home. I knew the minute I hit that step that I was going to get a thrashing within an inch of my life. But all night long my dear mother had been sitting up crying. When she heard me coming up the steps, she rushed out the door and with tears streaming, reached out and gathered me up in her arms! She kissed my tears away, put me to bed, and I slept the sleep of the prodigal-son-come-home.

When I turn to the fifteenth chapter of Luke and read about the prodigal, I know it is the sweetest story ever told, the story of the boy who went down, down, down into sin until he came to himself and cried, "I will arise and go to my father," and went home to his father. When he saw the son coming, the father forgot his dignity and ran out, and kissed him tenderly, welcomed him home and said, "Bring hither the fatted calf, and kill it; and let us eat, and be merry: For this my son was dead, and is alive again; he was lost, and is found" (Luke 15:23, 24). That is the sweetest story ever told because it illustrates the truth that God wants to save sinners.

But do not get any false ideas about the love of God! Multitudes are staying away from God, not caring anything about Him, not even thinking about coming back to Him.

God Is Holy

God is not only love; God is holy. We read that "God is light, and in Him is no darkness at all" (I John 1:5). Remember, you can sin against love. You can sin against the love of God.

Not long ago a man died a drunkard. On his death-bed he lay screaming, "The demons! The demons! The demons!" Do not tell me, sinner, that demons do not come for you when you die. That man died. A few days later his wife was talking to me. She had tears in her eyes, and my heart went out to her. I said, "You loved him, didn't you?"

She looked at me and then told me one of the strangest things I had ever heard. "Preacher, I loved the man I married. When I married him, he was sweet, clean, good, true to me. Everything was fine. I loved my husband who was pure and clean. But then he began to drink and run with the wrong crowd. He would stay out all night. He crushed my love beneath his heel. No, sir, I did not love this man; I loved the man I married." A husband can sin against the love of a wife and crush it. A child can sin against the love of parents and end up a murderer in the electric chair. And a man or woman, boy or girl, can sin against the love of God until God's wrath is revealed and there is no remedy, and they are crushed beneath the wrath of Almighty God!

A God Of Fire

Do not forget it: "Our God is a consuming fire." What does that mean? It means that God is forever at war with sin! It means that there is something in God that hates sin, regardless of where He finds it. And He is going to reach out and strike it in anybody, no matter where He finds it. I tell you, I want to meet that God in peace. Talk about God being love—listen; in the Epistle to the Romans we read twelve different times the WRATH of God.

Wrath

"The wrath of God." The wrath of God." What is God angry about? God is angry with people who will not pay Him any attention, will not pay any attention to His Word. "The wrath of God is revealed from heaven against all ungodliness and unrighteousness of men" (Rom. 1:18). Beloved, until a man bows his knee and accepts Jesus, until he begins to live a godly, holy life, that man knows nothing of the love of God. He is under the wrath of God. God's Word says, "He that believeth not the Son . . . the wrath of God abideth on him" (John 3:36). That is the sure word of Scripture. People have joked about this truth of Scripture until they think they can forget Him; life just any way and get by with it. People do not read the Bible. They hear and believe false ideas. They

believe in a "popular" theology that is absolutely untrue. People tell me sometimes, "Oh, well, God loves the sinner but hates his sin."

Sinners Responsible To God

I tell you, that is like saying that the sinner is not responsible for his sin, when God holds every sinner responsible for his sin. In Psalms 7:11-13, I read some terrible words that ought to make every man who is wrong with God, tremble: "God is angry with the wicked every day. If he turn not, he will whet his sword; he hath bent his bow, and made it ready. He hath also prepared for him the instruments of death." That means that God is getting ready all the instruments of death for those who reject Him. He is angry with the wicked every day. And brother, you cannot separate a man from his sins. You are responsible for your sins. God is going to hold you responsible. That idea that you are not responsible is foolish; it is not of God. God has a nature that hates sin, but He will save the sinner when he repents and takes Christ.

People talk about the Old Testament God being a terrible God, a mean God, different from the God of the New Testament. But they have not really read the Old Testament (or the New Testament, either), or they would not say such a thing.

A Fearful God

I read in the New Testament that "it is a fearful thing to fall into the hands of the living God" (Heb. 10:31). What does that mean? Just what it says! What did it mean during the war when our airmen were flying over Germany and they fell from the skies, were injured, and were taken by the Germans and placed in concentration camps? It meant that it was a fearful thing to fall into the hands of the Germans! Or, it was a fearful thing to fall in the hands of the Japs! It is a fearful thing to fall helplessly into the hands of an enemy. In Isaiah 63:10 we read, "But they rebelled, and vexed his holy Spirit: therefore he was turned to be their enemy, and he fought against them." It is a fearful thing for a sinner not to get right with God and die in his sins, for him to fall into the hands of the living God, who is not only able, but will carry out His threat!

Vengeance

"Vengeance is mine; I will repay, saith the Lord" (Rom. 12:19). You say, "Preacher, don't tell me that God is a God of vengeance." God Himself says He is! He says that He will repay the man who hates Him to His face. And any man who is not for God, hates God. There will come a time when, reverently speaking, God will "roll up His sleeves and wade in," and when He does, the sinner is gone. I have a sermon on "God's Last Call." There will come a time, God says, when He will laugh at the sinner's calamity, and mock when his fear cometh (Prov. 1:26). Brother, I would not play, would not trifle, with God. I would rather play with all the powers in the world than to play with the living God. I am not going to do it.

Terror

Paul cried out, "Knowing therefore the terror of the Lord, we persuade men" (II Cor. 5:11). What is the terror of the Lord? God is not afraid of anybody! He is greater than all. He is the God of all flesh. God is almighty. "The terror of the Lord" means the terror that will grip the heart of the impenitent sinner when he meets God, having refused to get right with God. Then he casts into hell.

Some say, "Preacher, you do not actually believe God will permit people to be cast into the fire?" He says He will. And He means what He says. God says plainly that He will cast into Hell.

Demands Holiness

That fact leads me to this final remark about God: God demands holiness of everyone, everywhere. Now you get that! You go around here saying that Hendley is a "holiness" preacher! I am! I am, brother, because the Bible teaches holiness, meaning conformity to God's Word. You pick up this Bible and read it. God says, "Be ye holy, for I the Lord your God am holy." God demands holiness of every person on the face of this

earth. Better get right with God, brother. Better get rid of everything wrong in your life and get right with God! One day you are going to meet Him. One day you are going to fall into his hands of the living God! You can say, "God is love," all you please, but when your soul slips into Hell and you see the terror of the lost souls, it is going to be a different story.

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been dealing with criminals all these years."

We have a juvenile crime wave such as we have never known before. During the first world war, professional unclean women followed the camps of the soldiers up and down the land. During this last war, however, it was not just professional unclean women, but boys and girls out of some of the best homes in America. I have learned something about crime in these past several years as I have traveled around this country, and particularly during the war days and during these present days.

In an evangelistic campaign in a Southern city God gave a wonderful revival among the young people. Many accepted Jesus. I will never forget what the preacher came and said: "Do you remember that girl who came up and talked to you at the close?"

I said, "Yes."

He said, "That was one of the most shameful cases we ever knew. She is the daughter of a deacon. And while her mother was out in the afternoon in the moving picture shows, this girl joined a club for boys and girls, a club that a girl could not join until she had surrendered her virtue. And they actually found photographs of those boys and girls without a stitch of clothing on, and the whole shameful, rotten, dirty thing came out into the open for the whole community to know."

A mother in the moving picture show while her daughter is going to Hell!

I have a friend in Florida, a man of God, the pastor of a church. He said that literally all over this city there are clubs for teen-age boys and girls for purposes of sin. They get together in the afternoons and live in the vilest iniquity. Now my friend was not joking. As I travel about I have to live in the hotels, and believe me, anyone who lives in them knows what I mean.

In one hotel just young people had a party one night. First, there were drinks; then there were dirty jokes; then God only knows what until the early hours of the morning. Then they sneaked out, you know—criminals that they were—into the dark. They did not want to be seen. But God saw, and it is written down in the books for the judgment day. God is a holy God. Some day He will require that which is paid. Oh, what an awful thing it is going to be! Such hotel-room parties go on all the time, in shameless sin. That night, in the room next to mine, a man was talking with a girl. He was asking her how far she would go! In that very room was a man whose job it was to prey on human flesh, to traffic in human flesh—a white-slaver.

Many a girl has played around in sin and has awakened to find herself doped, and yonder in a house of shame, ruined forever. Because of her shame, she will not go back to her parents. I am warning you about what is going on in this land.

Teen-agers!

I remember also the conditions in a large Southern city where I conducted a meeting. During the war it was one of the most iniquitous places on the face of the earth. I would not, for anything in the world, let my wife go out unchaperoned there. I talked to the chaplain at the Port of Embarkation and he said to me, "I go into the courts, and the girls that you see walking up and down the streets with the sailors, the girls who are seen on the side of the road at night, will come into the courtroom and look the judge in the face. He fines them for their crime; they go out laughing and smirking, right on back into their sin, only to be dragged in again. And they are sixteen-year-old girls, teen-age girls! Some of them are from good homes. They are girls who think it an 'honorable' thing to follow the service men and give themselves to the lusts of the flesh."

Yes, Hell broke loose during the war. Never before have we seen it just like that. Such an army of youngsters in iniquity and vilest sin! There is a revolt among

young people against God. America has something on her hands.

Human Dogs

In a city of Virginia, just in back of the parsonage and the church where I was preaching, there was a WAAC camp. The preacher told me, "The things that we see on the lawns of my pastorate here and around the church, when we get out of church at night, are unmentionable sin, people living like dogs." In Revelation, chapter 21, God was not talking about four-footed dogs; He was talking about two-footed dogs, human beings living like dogs. Listen to me, brother; if you love this country of ours, if you love this nation of ours, you pray as you have never prayed before for the cities of America.

During the war, I held a meeting in a great port city. I talked to British sailors, I talked to American sailors—men who had been all over the world. Those men told me there wasn't a sink of iniquity on the globe like that city during the war. As I came to my hotel one night after a revival meeting, I saw in front of the hotel an eighteen-year-old boy wrapped around a lightpost. I thought of my boy as I looked at him, and I said, "O God, I would rather bury him fifty times than to find him like that!" Many a mother's boy did not come back the same boy that he was when he left. I did not see any policemen or controls. No one was trying to find them. The city was as wide open as any hell-hole of famed western history had ever been. That city was a blot on the pride of America. And the same with a lot of other cities. I am telling you, God knows about it and He is going to do something about it. America must repent of her sins and get right with God.

Our army authorities condoned sin. I know what I am talking about. I have a brother who fought in the battle of Okinawa. Thank God, he came back! I know something of the suffering in the army. I talked with a boy who was in three engagements in the Pacific, and he came back in a pretty bad condition. He helped hold those beaches and fight those Japs. He knows what a Hell it was. He said to me, "Hendley, they had vessels bringing in beer and liquor when we did not have proper food to eat. Uncle Sam saw that the beer and liquor got through." Many a boy came back a sot drunkard.

One morning my wife said, "The janitor just called to say that a soldier had somehow gotten into your study and has been sitting there all night long, with a liquor bottle on the desk." Right away I went down to see him. He looked in my face and said, "Preacher, I just had to see you. I was over in France, and the last thing I saw was one of my buddies blown to bits when a shell hit him, and he just disappeared. Then I came home to find my daddy dying. He was the superintendent of a Sunday school and the godliest man I ever knew."

I could tell that his father's death had broken his heart. I said, "What can I do for you?"

"Preacher, liquor has got me. I have been drinking steadily for three months; I know I can't go on like this without killing myself and going to Hell."

I have seen delirious men, but this man wasn't delirious. Many a boy just like that came back from the war a drunkard. You can't tell me that God isn't going to punish America! Is the living God pleased with liquor stores? With houses of sin and shame? No, He is not pleased with them, and we are going to pay. We are going to pay with blood. If you are one who drinks your beer and liquor, as you are drinking it down I hope you will see the blood of some soldier. I do not want to be among those who are to blame for this war. Everyone tries to get free of the blame of this war.

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Young Mother

Many a girl went wrong during the war. Not long ago a young woman came into my study weeping. I said "What is the matter?"

"Preacher, my husband is overseas fighting for his country. We have a precious little boy whom he has never seen, and the other day he wrote me and said, 'When I come home, I hope you will be as clean and pure as I am. I am trying to stay clean and pure.'"

Again she began to weep. "Why are you crying?" I asked.

She said, "I thought, 'What is the use of being a wallflower?' I wanted to have a little fun, so I went out with the crowd. We began to drink cocktails, then we began to go to roadhouses and I fell into sin. Then I took just anyone who would come along. But then I met a preacher's son and he said to me, 'You are not used to this sort of thing. You ought to come clean with God. Promise me you will go to church next Sunday night.' Preacher, that is why I am here. I want to get right with God. When my husband comes home, I want to be able to look him in the face."

Oh, if you do not believe there is a Hell, you should have seen the look on that young woman's face! Brother, there is no more doubt about a Hell to come than there is about a hell people are living in now.

One of our boys who was in the liberation of Paris, told me this: "Preacher, I was actually ashamed of being an American. I was ashamed of being a human being. When we had taken Paris, there in the broad daylight, on the streets and in the parks, we saw sin—dirty, rotten, horrible, wide-open sin such as dogs would never do. I was never so ashamed in all my life." Listen to me: something is dead wrong if we ignore that situation.

Delinquency is not only among young people. I was preaching in a certain city in Nebraska, and a woman of about sixty years of age came to me, with tears coursing down her cheeks. I said, "What is wrong, lady?"

She said, "Preacher, I have been living with a man twenty-six years. We never took the trouble to be married. I told him the other day we had to get right, that we are facing death and judgment and Hell."

I looked that woman in the face and I said, "Woman, if you value your soul, you get right with God!"

God's wrath is revealed from Heaven against all ungodliness.

Thieves

I could go on and on, beloved, but I want to mention just one more thing, something that occurred in my own community the other day. A man missed two watches. His little girl missed her fountain pen. The next thing we knew, the police had apprehended a whole gang of youngsters for stealing. There were some boys in that gang whom we never would have dreamed were guilty. They looked just as sweet and nice as anybody's boys. One boy had even said that he was going to preach the Gospel, and all the while he was a thief!

III. Cause of Juvenile Crime

What is the cause of this great tidal wave of juvenile sin in America? It is not confined only to juveniles; it is alarming among adults. What is the cause?

The Home

The first cause is in the home. Where are the family altars? At home we have neglected reading the Bible and praying. The fear of God is not in our children's hearts, so why should they fear anybody else? Therefore, they go right on to Hell. The greatest task we have is to teach our children to fear God and the Bible and to pray. So many people have gotten away from having family altars.

Something else: there is very little discipline in the homes anymore. God's Word says, "He that spareth the rod hateth his son" (Prov. 13-24). You can send your child's soul to Hell by neglecting discipline. God says for us to discipline our children. In these days it is the children who tell the parents what to do instead of the parents telling the children. We need discipline and family altars. The major breakdown is in the home.

The School

The second trouble is in the school. The school is largely responsible for what our children learn. We cannot sit back and let the teachers tell our children that the Bible is filled with myths, then expect them to fear God and sin. Many are taught that God did not create man, as it is written in Genesis, but that man evolved from monkeys, which is contrary to the Word. When our children lose respect for the Bible and their fear of God, why shouldn't they go on down to Hell?

Recently, in a revival meeting a lady said to me, "Preacher, what are you going to do if your children do not believe the first three chapters of Genesis?" I said, "I am going to tell them that they must believe God's Word if they expect to go to Heaven." Listen; when you come to die, all the books in the world cannot keep you out of Hell, but this Book can! That poor woman told me the sad story of her daughter. In the schoolroom the teacher had taught evolution instead of creation by God, as recorded in Genesis. There God said that He created man in His own image and breathed into his nostrils the breath of life, and man became a living soul. That daughter's faith in the Bible was totally wrecked, and pretty soon she fell into sin. A precious child was born, but the girl is branded the rest of her days. Her life is blasted; her soul is on its way to Hell. In the schoolroom she lost her faith. I would tremble to meet God if I were teaching contrary to this Book. If you are doing it, you had better repent. I would rather quit such teaching and go to Heaven, than to teach and go to Hell. Any man who defies the Word of God will have to answer to God. Think about the young people today whose souls are being corrupted in the schools that teach that rotten doctrine!

The Churches

Another cause of juvenile delinquency today is found in the churches. There is no doubt about it. Brethren, listen to me: we cannot stand up in the pulpit and never mention anything about sin, death, judgment, Hell, eternity, and right living, without our congregations going on in sin, to Hell! We can't do it. In many places you can go to preaching services and never hear a word about sin.

A woman who was convicted

of her sins over the radio, told me, "For years I sang in the choir and went to church, but the pastor never said a word that would convict me of my sins. I sat there and sang hymns, even invitation hymns, and all the while I was carrying on an affair on the side." Well, she didn't carry on an affair after that night; she came to Christ. The Word of God uncovered her sins, and she bowed humbly and repented before God. I am for my preacher friends. I thank God for them. But let me say this—and every honest preacher here will endorse it—any preacher who stands in the pulpit and never warns a sinner of his wicked ways and never preaches the whole counsel of God, is not worthy of the name of a servant of God!

A very outstanding theologian said to me one night after I had poured out my soul, trying to bring God's message, "Hendley, I feel like you are doing some of our preaching for us." Oh, my brother preacher! None of us can be responsible for another's ministry. God says, "Hear the word at my mouth, and give them warning from me. When I say unto the wicked, Thou shalt surely die; and thou givest him not warning, nor speakest to warn the wicked from his wicked way, to save his life; the same wicked man shall die in his iniquity; but his blood will I require at thine hand" (Ezek. 3: 17, 18). God have mercy on any preacher who must meet Him and the souls who have sat before Him whom he has never warned! If they slip into Hell without any danger signal having been thrown before them, God have mercy on such a preacher! God says, "He that hath my word, let him speak my word faithfully." A preacher can stand in the pulpit and preach fifty-two Sundays on

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the "sweet" things of God, and lost souls can go to Hell. God help us preachers and teachers to love lost souls!

The Shows

Another cause of juvenile delinquency is the moving picture shows. The newspapers do not pretend to be in the business of saving the Lord; the moving pictures never have. Radio is fast being given over to the Devil. When that goes, America is gone. With these great means of propaganda becoming more and more anti-Christian, people will corrupt themselves so fast that the tribulation period will be upon us before we realize it. Picture shows!

In Atlanta, across the street from the place I frequently take my meals, are two moving picture shows. Time and again there have been full-length pictures of half-dressed women out there on the sidewalk, inviting passers-by to come in. How many of you believe that pleases God? You take that out of the shows and fewer people will go.

Not long ago I heard a movie executive talking with a business man. He said, "You know, we make up religious pictures sometimes, and the people will not come. But when our directors make up a dirty, sexy, indecent picture, the people will flock to see it. We give the people what they want." They are making a picture now of a best-seller, and are spending 5 million dollars to produce it. A reviewer of the books said that no decent person would ever think these things, much less put them in print. You watch! America will flock to see that picture.

Listen; you cannot be around dirty things without soul and mind being defiled. You can hardly find a movie couple who have been married to each other for ten years. Many times a man marries a woman, flings her off and gets another, flings her off and gets another, and some of them marry again before the former partner has been disposed of by divorce. And they are called "stars," with the American public almost bowing down and worshipping them! Brother, the movies are going to Hell. Paul plainly says in I Corinthians 7: "And unto the married I command, yet not I, but the Lord, Let not the wife depart from the husband: But if she depart, let her remain unmarried, or be reconciled to her husband; and let not the husband put away his wife." All over Hollywood they do it and some of you just "eat it up." I defy any theatre-goer in this room, not convinced, to get your Sunday paper, tear out the advertisements on the movie page, bring them to me with their suggestive titles and with the lust that is portrayed, then let us look them over and honestly ask God if He is pleased with it. Will you do that? Lust! The whole movie industry is wrapped up in the word lust. No child of God, wanting to walk with God, will go to the moving picture shows. Boys and girls everywhere go to the movies, sit and take it all in, then go out and do everything they see suggested in the movies, with all the vice and sin.

Dress

The way women dress is something else that is a curse before God today. God did not intend for women to dress like men. Listen to me: "The woman shall not wear that which pertaineth unto a man" (Deut. 22:5). That isn't the preacher talking; that is the Word of the Living God. And you are going to meet Him when you die. Women, when you dress like a man, you are an abomination unto the law of your God. That is what He says. Women today are dressing immodestly. Last summer as I drove up and down the highways I saw women on the road in shorts and so insufficiently clothed that it was shameful to a man. Don't tell me that that is pleasing to God who says, "Be ye holy, for I the Lord your God am holy." One of these

days all the actresses and all other women who portray sin and lust are going to answer for every evil thought they have created in the mind of man. Woman, you are responsible for every evil thought you create in the mind of a man.

Women and Home

Women are working today, but God never intended that they should work like men. God's Word says that He wills that women be "discreet, chaste, keepers at home." That is God's will. But during the war we put the women in war plants, and we will never know until eternity the Hell that came out of that.

A girl said to me, "Brother Hendley, I want you to pray that my mother will come home." I said to her, "Where is she?" She said, "In Detroit working in a war plant."

"Well, somebody had to do it," you say. Friend, God never intended for women to take the place of men.

I have a deacon who worked in Bell Bomber Plant. There were 22,000 working there at one time. Many of them were women in slacks, in men's clothing — an abomination in the sight of God. That man said, "Hendley, only eternity will reveal the sin that came out of that place." Men and women worked side by side and God only knows what went on. I have observed that when a woman goes out fighting the world, like a man has to fight it every day, many times she becomes loud, coarse, profane and everything unfeminine. Everything that real men appreciate in a woman will be gone. Isn't that right, men? Some of us just do not like to hear women curse. We just do not like to see women smoke. We just do not like to see them dress like men. We want to put them on a pedestal. We still want to look up to a woman as something just a little better than we are. That is, some of us still feel that way. We were reared to respect women. We do not want them looking like men. We do not want the coarse, the loud, the profane. And God doesn't either. God never planned it that way. When the whole story is told, we are going to find that more iniquity came from putting women into the war than we know anything about.

The Dance

Then there is the dance. Oh, the souls that have been defiled by the modern dance!

The Law is Weak

Then there is not enough law enforcement today. To my sorrow I have found out that we do not always have very strict law enforcement any more. There are not police forces adequate to take care of the crime wave. I know what I am talking about. A person can violate the law and yet have a good chance to get by with it. We are living in an age of lawlessness and disrespect for authority, especially among juveniles.

Unclean Literature

Another thing is the kind of literature on the newsstand today. It is one of the great causes of juvenile delinquency. You cannot read dirty books and be clean boys and girls, men and women. I read in my Bible, not "Blessed are the pure in hands," or "Blessed are the pure in tongues," or "Blessed are the pure in feet," but "Blessed are the pure in heart, for they shall see God." You have to be clean in heart and in mind to walk with God. You cannot be clean and read salacious literature from the newsstands. You cannot read all those defiling magazines and walk with God. God demands holiness of every human being, and don't be afraid of that word holiness. Holiness is simply conformity to God's will, simply living a life pleasing to God.

IV. Cure for Delinquency

There is only one cure for this tidal wave of iniquity, and that is judgement, the judgement of revival or the coming of the Lord. I hope it will be revival. A revival is a time of judgment, a time when people search their own hearts and lives and find what is

there that displeases God; a time when people turn from their sins and begin to live for God with all their heart, and seek to please Him. There are signs of revival in America thank God, and it is the only hope of being saved from another bloodbath. God will not permit America to go on freely in her sins! We must have revival or horrible judgment!

When nations sin, God punishes nations. The only thing we can do is judge ourselves, give up all known sin in our lives, surrender to the Lord Jesus Christ, and cry to God for revival to sweep America! But we will never have revival until a nucleus of Christians give up every known sin and every worldly thing. God bearing me witness, in every city where I go to hold a meeting, I cry day and night, on my face before God, "God, save this city!" We will never have a revival in any city until individuals give up known sins and get clean before God, get to work for God and cry to Him daily for a great revival to sweep the church, and sweep that city and draw back the tidal wave of iniquity!

You say, "Do you believe a revival is coming?" I tell you I believe it can come. I believe it can come here. If every person in this room will give up every known sin, everything that is questionable, everything that is wrong, and get right with God, get on fire for God, begin to obey God, begin to cry mightily to Him for a revival, then God will send a revival. There is some evidence of it over the land. In our union campaign, thank God, souls streamed to the Lord Jesus Christ. People are hungry for God. In some many places this is so. Wherever you find Christians coming together and putting on a revival campaign in some neutral place, God shakes that city and saves a multitude of souls and they go into the churches, and that city's tendency is to revive.

Recently when I was in Alabama in a meeting, we left there a crowd of young people doing soul-winning work for Jesus. Evangelists are being raised up of God, and there is evidence of revival in many places. But revival is on a pitifully small scale now, and the flame needs to be fanned by the devotion of every true child of God who will get right with Him. We must have revival—or, what? The end of the age and eternal wrath! I say to you, beloved, we cannot go on as we are going without soon coming to the end of the age. We cannot bear this tidal wave of iniquity without the wrath of God being poured out upon us. I am more fearful of this day in which we are living than of any other time that I can remember. What is coming? The tribulation period. The time of world-wide war, nation, lifting up sword against nation, such as we never have dreamed, making this last war look like a trifling thing.

In the book of Revelation we read that 800,000,000 people will die in forty-two months. A fourth of the earth, then a third of the earth, will be cut off in the terrible wrath of God which will be so terrible that Jesus said if He did not cut it short by His return, no flesh would be left alive on the face of this earth. Oh, brethren, the world is in for it! There will be world-wide famine when the heavens will be shut up for forty-two months and there will be no rain. Nothing but famine and pestilence will cover the earth. Demons will come up out of the pit and men will be demon-possessed as never before in the history of the world. The antichrist is coming, a man energized of Satan, who will rule this world for forty-two months. God is going to empty out on a Christ-rejecting, godless, sinful world all of His wrath. The angels in Heaven will say, "Blessed art thou, O Lord, for thou hast judged thus." Beyond that, what? The destruction of the heaven and the earth. God's Word says in II Peter 3:10-13 that He will come "as a thief in the night; in the which the heavens will pass away with a great noise, and the elements shall melt with fervent heat, the earth also and the works that are therein shall be burned up.... Nevertheless we,

[the saved] according to his promise, look for new heavens and a new earth, wherein dwelleth righteousness," and beyond that, the holy city of the redeemed!

Oh, brother, are you saved? Are you saved? I like to pick up my Bible in these troublous days and read Revelation chapters 21 and 22. They tell us there that on the new earth we shall be living with God, and God with us. We read about the gates of pearl. We read about the streets of gold. We read about the river of life. We read about the tree of life. We read that there will be no more curse in the city of God.

The Face of God

We read that His servants shall serve Him and they shall see His face. Oh, what a joy to see the face of God! Fanny Crosby (the hymn writer, you remember) was born blind. One time someone was trying to comfort her and said, "Miss Crosby, just think! You have never seen anyone's face!" The dear woman's face shone like the sun as she replied, "Don't pity me. Just think! The first face that I shall see will be the face of my Lord!" We are going to see His face. Brother, listen; the day is coming when I am going to see the face of God, the face of the God who made me and kept me and died on the cross to save me—I am going to live with Him forever! That is His promise in the Book.

When we're inside those gates of pearl,

We'll learn a lot of things;
We'll have a harp that's made of gold,
Perhaps a thousand strings.

We'll sing, we'll shout, we'll dance about,
The Lord will dry our tears;
We'll have a grand Home-coming Week,

The first TEN THOUSAND YEARS!

I would not turn that down for anything in the world! I would not miss for anything that city of God! I am going home to meet God. Let Hell come upon this earth; let the wicked get more wicked; let iniquity abound; let the tidal wave come; let the tribulation troubles come—still I have nothing to fear. God is my refuge and strength, a present help in time of trouble. I have Christ! What need I more! Praise be unto God, I am headed for the city of God and the face of the Lord Jesus Christ, to reign forever!

The Unsaved

What about the unsaved? Listen to me, unsaved friend: "There shall in no wise enter into it any thing that defileth, neither whatsoever worketh abomination, or maketh a lie: but they which are written in the Lamb's book of life" (Rev. 21:27). As I come to the conclusion of my message let me ask you this question, unsaved friend: Do you want to go to that city of God? Do you want to escape the terrible wrath that is coming upon this godless world rejecting Jesus? Oh, make sure your name is written in the Lamb's book of life!

Is your name written there,
On the page bright and fair,
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Once there was a king who had a jester, or, as they were called in those days, a fool. This fool happened to be a very wise man. One day the king gave the fool a gold-headed cane and said, "Fool, when you find a greater fool than yourself, I want you to give him this gold-headed cane."

Six years passed. Then one day the old king was about to die, and he called for his jester. The jester came holding the cane behind his back. He said to his monarch, "You called for me?"

The king answered, "Yes, I am going on a long journey."

The jester said, "When are you coming back?"

The king answered, "You don't understand. I am dying and I am not coming back."

The jester said, "What preparation did you make?"

"That's what troubles me; I haven't made any preparation," was the reply.

The jester looked at the dying king and said, "You told me if I ever found a bigger fool than myself, I was to give him this gold-headed cane. You and I both have known that we must die. I have made preparation; you haven't. I think you are a bigger fool than I." And the jester handed the dying monarch the cane.

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Away out in the old Somme region was a trench which we used to call Traverse Trench. It was one of those horrid bits of trenches which none of us liked for we generally ran up against something dirty there. One morning we were holding the line in that trench and came in for the usual shelling, which, however, got more intense, and presently the Officer in charge, evidently anticipating an enemy attack, gave the order to "stand to," and we had to jump up and line the firing step.

Traverse Trench was very thinly held for the big Somme battles had sadly depleted our unit. In a stretch of trench for which a hundred men were needed we only had twenty, but we stood on the firing step waiting for "Jerry" to show himself. The shells were bursting all around us, and presently there was a black cloud as a shell burst and pieces of shrapnel came whizzing past us, and poor Bert S— fell like a log. Tiny Jim (6 ft. 3 in.) and another chap jumped down and picked him up, but they saw at a glance that it was a hopeless case. There was not a dressing station near and stretcher bearers were far too scarce at that time, so if you were hit you just had to remain where you were until things quieted down, or the men could be spared to carry you away. So Tiny Jim and some other fellows got hold of some empty sand-bags and an old coat, and laid Bert on them in the bottom of the trench to die.

Back on the firing step they got, but they had not been there long when Tiny Jim was startled

by a voice behind him saying, "Can you tell me the way to heaven?"

Tiny Jim jumped down again beside Bert and said, "The way to heaven? I am sorry, chum, but I don't know the way, but I'll ask the other fellows and find out if they know."

Not One in Sixteen Knew

He returned to the firing step and walked along to the next man and asked him, but he did not know; so he went further and asked the next man, but he did not know either.

This man was the last one in the fire-bay, so Tiny Jim jumped down, walked around the trench around the traverse into the next fire-bay, jumped up on the firing step and told the fourth man what had happened. No. 4 was no better than the rest of us, so he tried No. 5; No. 5 tried No. 6, and No. 6 asked No. 7. It was with the same result; none of them knew the way to heaven.

Then No. 7 jumped from the firing step and around the traverse into the next post and tackled No. 8. He did not know. So it went on, along Traverse Trench from man to man. "Bert S— is dying. He wants to know the way to heaven. Can you tell him the way?" The question had got right along the trench now to No. 16, but out of those sixteen fellows not one of them knew the way to heaven. Just think of it! Sixteen young fellows brought up

in so-called Christian England, but they could not help a poor dying comrade. Decent fellows, too.

In August, 1914, Lord Kitchener had sounded out the call "Your country needs you." These fellows had come from their decent homes and decent jobs. Some, straight from universities and public schools, from banks, city offices, or shops. There they were, serving in the ranks in Traverse Trench, some of Kitchener's first 100,000. Some of them had been christened, confirmed and had taken the sacrament, sung in the choirs of church or chapel, but they did not know the way to heaven. We would have given anything to have been able to tell poor Bert S— "The Way."

When you have soldiered together in England, trained together, gone overseas together, and faced the dangers and hardships of active service, you become pals, and when you see an old friend dying and you cannot help him it goes hard. In peacetime, in England, if you had asked us the way to heaven, we would have all told you some sort of a way, but when a pal is dying on the battlefield and he wants to know the way to heaven, well, somehow it is different. What you think and what you guess, and what you can make up, just won't do. Oh! no, when a fellow is dying like that, he wants the real thing.

At any rate, the fellows in Traverse Trench were too honest and too decent to say they knew when they did not know. No, with all our faults, not one of us would have told an old pal like Bert S— a lie in his dying moments. Many a time since that day, I have wondered over here in Christian England, if I picked out sixteen people at random and asked them if they could tell me the way to heaven whether any of them could. Not just your ideas, your views, your opinions, but could you turn me to the Old Book and give me chapter and verse for God's Way of Salvation, the only way to heaven, God's way?

I sometimes think of the different ways to heaven that I have heard. I have stood on the parade ground when the chaplain has told us that if we died in battle, we should go to heaven. We have gone straight up into the line, and have gone "over the top" and within a few hours scores and scores of those men have passed into eternity. Such chaplains will have something to answer for in the Judgment Day. Thank God for those chaplains who do know the way and are not ashamed to preach it boldly and faithfully to officers and private alike.

Many Think They Know

Some will tell you to turn over a new leaf, but when a man is dying in a trench, that sort of talk is no good. Others will tell you that you must be christened and confirmed, and take the sacrament, but when poor Bert S— was dying in Traverse Trench, it was no good talking to him like that. Others tell you to do the best you can, say prayers, read your prayer book or your Bible, but Bert only had a few minutes to live. No, what he needed was a salvation, a Saviour to come and meet him in his dire, desperate need. However, none of us knew what to tell him, and No. 16 jumped off the firing step and went rushing on down Traverse Trench to see if anyone else knew the way.

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eyes glued on the German lines waiting to give "Jerry a burst" if he showed himself. He felt a thump on his back and heard a voice shouting to him. "Gunner, there's a chap in our company who has been hit; he is dying and he wants to know the way to heaven. Can you tell him the way?" The machine-gunner turned around, and a smile lit up his face as he replied, "Yes, I know the way, but I can't get along the trench. I dare not leave my gun."

Oh, the hellishness of war! Here was a man dying and wanting to know the way to heaven, and the only man who knew the way was unable to get to him because he could not leave his gun! It seemed as though Bert would die without hearing the way after all.

The Machine-Gunner Knew

Suddenly, the machine-gunner thrust his hand into his tunic pocket and pulled out a little khaki Testament, quickly turning over its pages he said, "Look here, chum. This is the way to heaven, that verse there marked around with pencil (John iii, 16), 'For God so loved the world, that He gave His only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in Him, should not perish, but have everlasting life.' I'll turn the leaves back there, you put your thumb on that verse. Tell him that is the way to heaven."

Quickly No. 16 rushed back, passed the message and Testament on to No. 15. From man to man that Testament quickly went along the trench and soon Tiny Jim had it in his hand. He jumped down beside Bert S—, who lay there so still, and for a moment he thought he had gone. He touched his shoulder; slowly Bert opened his eyes. "I've got it, Bert, old chum," said Tiny Jim. "Here it is; the way to heaven (John iii, 16), 'For God so loved the world, that He gave His only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in Him, should not perish, but have everlasting life.'"

Poor Bert's eyes were wide open now, he was drinking in every word. What a scene it was! Tiny Jim kneeling on the bottom of the trench, his great hand holding the little Testament, the tears running down his cheeks, reading again and again those life-giving words in the ears of Bert S—!

A look of peace came over

Bert's face, as he kept gasping out "whosoever." After a bit, he lay quiet and still again. Tiny Jim got back on to the firing step, glancing around from time to time, and all at once he called out, "Look, chaps!" and there was Bert S— with one last great effort raising himself up; he seemed to be gazing at the little piece of blue sky just visible from the trench; his hands were stretched towards it; his face lit up with angelic glory, and, with one last gasp, "whosoever," he fell back dead. Yes, I am sure of this, Bert had found his way to heaven. What a change from the old Somme battlefield to be with Christ, which is far better!

Do You Know?

Dear friends, as an old soldier, who now himself has also found the way, let me assure you that this is the real thing. Jesus is the real Saviour, Jesus, Who said, "I am the Way, the Truth and the Life," Jesus, Who said, "I am the Door, by me if any man enter in he shall be saved," Jesus, Whose precious blood cleanseth from all sin. Christ Who died, the Just One for us, the unjust, that He might bring us to God; Christ Who died for our sins according to the Scriptures; now seated at God's right hand crowned with glory and honour. This is the Saviour Who can lift you from the mire and clay and set you free. He can set your feet upon a rock and put a new song in your mouth, even praise unto our God. I have knocked about the world quite a bit. I have heard preachers of all sorts and of all kinds of denominations, but I must confess that the only way to heaven I know of, is the way the machine-gunner told us all those years ago in Traverse Trench.

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266.79. The ratio holds true nationally with \$7,700,000,000 annually, or \$21,000,000 daily, spent on liquor plus costs incurred from the police, hospitals, insane asylums, accidents, sick benefits, unemployment insurance, etc. In the best (?) year only \$2,500,000,000 was received as tax revenue.

Physically, alcohol is America's most deadly scourge, greater than the diseases which merit annual drives in the name of humanity to stamp them out—infantile paralysis, cancer, etc., yet no one bothers about this. Cancer costs the nation only \$900,000,000 annually in contrast to the above figures. Alcohol addiction causes more deaths than any of the thirty-one infectious diseases without evoking a public murmur while a rare disease that kills half a dozen in some remote place causes national alarm. We strain at gnats and swallow the camel, hump and all. We sit on a volcano to swat a fly. If alcoholism is a disease, as we are being told today, why isn't something being done to remove the cause? Nobody ever got the disease without drinking. But it isn't a disease! It is a sin against God and humanity and according to our Bible punishable by eternal torments.

Morally, what is the picture? With over 700,000 licensed outlets in America, eleven to every church; with four times as many bootleg stills now as during prohibition (repeal didn't stamp out these); with over fifty million drinkers; with per capita consumption as high as 23.5 gallons in one state and a saloon for every 53 persons; it is little wonder that insanity is increasing twice as fast as the population; that in some areas there is one divorce for every three marriages (73% of all divorces attributable to drink); that the institution of the home and the sanctity of marriage go crashing down in ruins.

Nationally, America has no moral right to waste or misuse the 58,000,000 bushels of vital grains in one year for liquor which could have prevented the starvation of millions of persons throughout the world. All this is in the face of the fact that distillers have about

400,000,000 gallons of whiskey and spirits on hand which, according to Alcohol Tax Unit, is enough to maintain sales for years. Add to this the 4,000,000 bushels of vital cereals the brewers use each month. There can be no justification for such inhumanity to man.

"The nation . . . that will not serve thee shall perish" (Isa. 60:12). Impiety and drunkenness in Babylon, 539 B. C., brought the "handwriting on the wall." Drink occasioned the downfall of France in Napoleon's day and again in 1940. "The excessive consumption of alcohol by the French soldiers during the eight months before the German offensive was responsible for the collapse of the French front" (Le Temps, Paris, Aug. 10, 1940). Who can offer one word in defense of the devastating roll drink played in the fall of Singapore. Who can deny that Alcohol reigned in Pearl Harbor the night before Dec. 7, 1941, and paved the way for a major defeat to America.

Milton once said, "A nation is a person and accountable to God." Then God pity our liquor-soaked nation of drunkards, if an Abraham Lincoln, some twentieth century emancipator, some statesman, arise not within our borders to deliver from this monstrous enemy of the home, church and state; and internal enemy compared to which, Benedict Arnold and Quisling were noble patriots. Well might we heed the advice of our much beloved General Pershing, "Banish the entire liquor industry from the U. S. Close every saloon, every brewery. Suppress drinking by severe punishment to the drinker and if necessary, death to the seller and maker, or both, as TRAITORS."

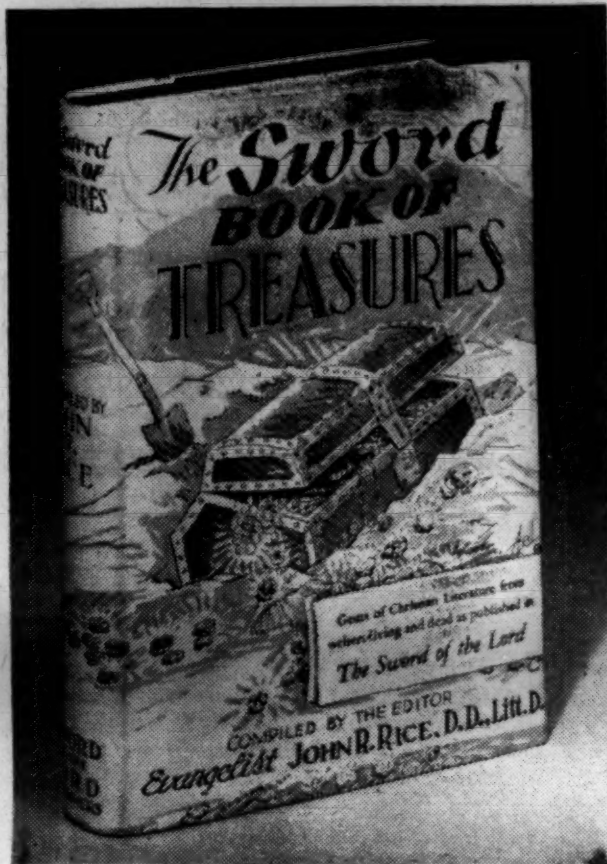
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